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Attached are the following:

- a. A five-page report on the 28 Mountain Regt, including a sketch of the barracks; Gotse Delchev, 25X1
- b. A paragraph on a possible Frontier Troop Otryad in Gotse Delchev; 25X1
- c. A five-page report on the Tank Bn, (now disbanded), 200 meters south of Samoranovo, including a sketch of the barracks; 25X1
- d. A two-page report on a newly formed brigade in Elkhovo, 25X1
- e. A paragraph on the possible dissolution of a division in Stanke Dimitrov; 25X1
- f. A one-page report on personalities in Boyanovo; a signal unit attached to the PRT Institute in Sofia; a rifle unit, in Plevna. 25X1

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Subject: 1. 28 Mountain Regiment,  
Getse Delchev  
2. Frontier Troop Otryad,  
Getse Delchev

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Date of Report: 21 November 1956

28 Mountain Regiment.

1. The barracks of the 28 Mountain Regiment are located in the north section of Getse Delchev (N 41-34, E 23-43) and cover an area of about 600 x 500 meters. In this area there are three, three-story buildings, as shown on the sketch attached as Page 6 of this report, the building in which the regimental headquarters is located being 120 x 9 meters in size, while the other two buildings are 60 x 9 meters in size. this Regiment was part of the division which had its headquarters in Blagoevgrad (N 42-01, E 23-06).
2. This regiment is composed of the following units:
  - a. The 1 Rifle Battalion, which is composed of the following companies:
    - (1) The 1 Rifle Company consisting of two platoons with about 45 men.
    - (2) The 2 Rifle Company consisting of two platoons with about 45-50 men.
    - (3) A Heavy Machine Gun Company consisting of two platoons with about 36 men.

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- (4) One Anti-Aircraft (AA) Battery with two AA guns (resembling pretty much the heavy machine gun but of a larger caliber and having longer barrels) and 15 men. Platoon leader was Lieutenant Ivan IVANOV [redacted]
- (5) One Battery of an unspecified class with 18 men and one gun on wheels 80 centimeters in diameter, the barrel of the gun being 2.5 meters long and 3 to 4 inches in caliber.
- (6) Between them, the two Batteries mentioned in Para. (4) and (5) above had one commanding officer, three junior officers as platoon leaders, two staff sergeants, and four corporals.
- b. The 2 Rifle Battalion, which has the same structure as the 1 Rifle Battalion.
- c. A Regimental Battery, which consisted of about 100-120 men, four guns of unspecified caliber, and 8 or 9 officers, with the commanding officer holding the rank of captain,
- d. A Regimental Sappers' Company, which consisted of about 20 men and 2 or 3 officers.
- e. A Regimental Signal Company, which consisted of about 20-25 men and 3 officers.
- f. A Regimental Reconnaissance Company, a new company, was formed at this unit about 1 February 1956. It consisted of 14 or 15 men, most of them educated young men from Plovdiv, and 3 officers. The men were equipped with skis and were armed with carbines, and they wore brown ski uniforms and white coveralls with protective hoods of knitted wool. During winter this company drilled in the mountains.
- g. The Regiment also had a school for junior sergeants (corporals), which consisted of about 120 men and 7 or 8 officers.
- h. Attached to the headquarters of the regiment is a platoon of musicians, who reside in town; they use one of the rooms in the headquarters building for practicing their music.

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Heavy Machine Gun Company, 1 Rifle Battalion. [redacted]

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3. [redacted] Casual Company, consisting of about 600 men, [redacted] young recruits learned the rudiments of Army life and discipline. After 20 December the recruits were assigned to units of the Regiment [redacted]
- [redacted] some 30 men were sent to the school for junior sergeants in Panardzhik (N 42-11, E 24-20).

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4. The Heavy Machine Gun Company consisted of two platoons. Each platoon consisted of three squads, and each squad was equipped with one machine gun, that is, the company was equipped with a total of six machine guns. The officers of the company were as follows:

a. Senior Lieutenant Georgi PAPRIKOV was the commanding officer.

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b. Lieutenant URDEV was the deputy commanding officer, or political officer.

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5. The leader of the 1 and 2 Platoons of the Heavy Machine Gun Company was Junior Lieutenant Krum GORANOV

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- a. Squad One was equipped with a 7.62 mm Makzin Sokolov Model 1910 machine gun. The personnel of this squad were as follows:

(1) A squad leader, who was Junior Sergeant Taniya Stoynev KARATANKV,

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(2) A gunner equipped with a 7.62 mm Model 1911 carbine.

(3) An assistant gunner equipped with a "Sudaev" submachine gun

(4) Two ammunition men, each equipped with a carbine and two ammunition boxes.

(5) A pack-horse handler, equipped with a carbine, taking care of two pack-horses, one used to carry the heavy machine gun, the other to carry the ammunition boxes.

- b. Squad Two had the same equipment and the same number of personnel as Squad One. Leader of Squad Two was Private Dimitar Atanasov DIMITROV,

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- c. Squad Three had the same equipment and the same number of personnel as the other two squads. Leader of Squad Three was Junior Sergeant Tsvetan TRIFONOV

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6. The 2 Platoon of the Heavy Machine Gun Company also had three squads, which had the same equipment and the same number of personnel as the squads in the 1 Platoon. The leaders of these squads were as follows:

- a. Squad One: Junior Sergeant Venko DIMITROV
- b. Squad Two: Junior Sergeant Ivan MIKHAILOV
- c. Squad Three: Squad Leader Mikhail DIMITROV

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7. [redacted] officers of 28 Mountain Infantry Regiment,

- a. Major SARIEV was the commanding officer of the regiment.

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- b. Captain BOSKEV was the chief of staff of the regiment and he also acted as the deputy commanding officer of the regiment in charge of training matters, since the regiment did not have one.

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- c. There were 10 or 12 additional officers who worked in the headquarters building of the regiment

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#### Independent Radio Company

8. [redacted] there is an Independent Radio Company in the area of the barracks [redacted] It is housed in a two-story building, which is shown on the attached sketch, Page 6 of this report. [redacted] it has something to do with civil defense (possibly an Aviopest).

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#### Frontier Troop Otryad, Gotse Delchev

9. There are barracks belonging to Frontier Troops located about two kilometers south of Gotse Delchev. [redacted] this Frontier Troop unit has the strength of a regiment, that is, of a Frontier Troop Otryad. There are two or three large buildings in the area.

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1. Headquarters Building
2. Dormitories of the 1 Rifle Battalion
3. Dormitories of the 2 Rifle Battalion
4. Dormitories of the School for Junior Sergeants
5. Regimental Club
6. Dormitories of the Signal and Sappers' Companies
7. Dormitories of the Regimental Battery
8. Storage for weapons
9. Duty Detachment Quarters
10. Garage
11. Artillery Park for Regimental Battery
12. Gunsmith Workshop
13. Stables of 1 Rifle Battalion
14. Stables of the Signal and Sappers' Companies
15. Stables of 2 Rifle Battalion
16. Stables of Regimental Battery
17. Independent Radio Company (possibly an Avispost)
18. Control Pass Point
19. Transformer
20. Hay storage
21. Lavatory
22. Lean-to where weapons are cleaned
23. Toilets
24. Drill Area

**DRKKHCKS of MOUNTAIN RGT**

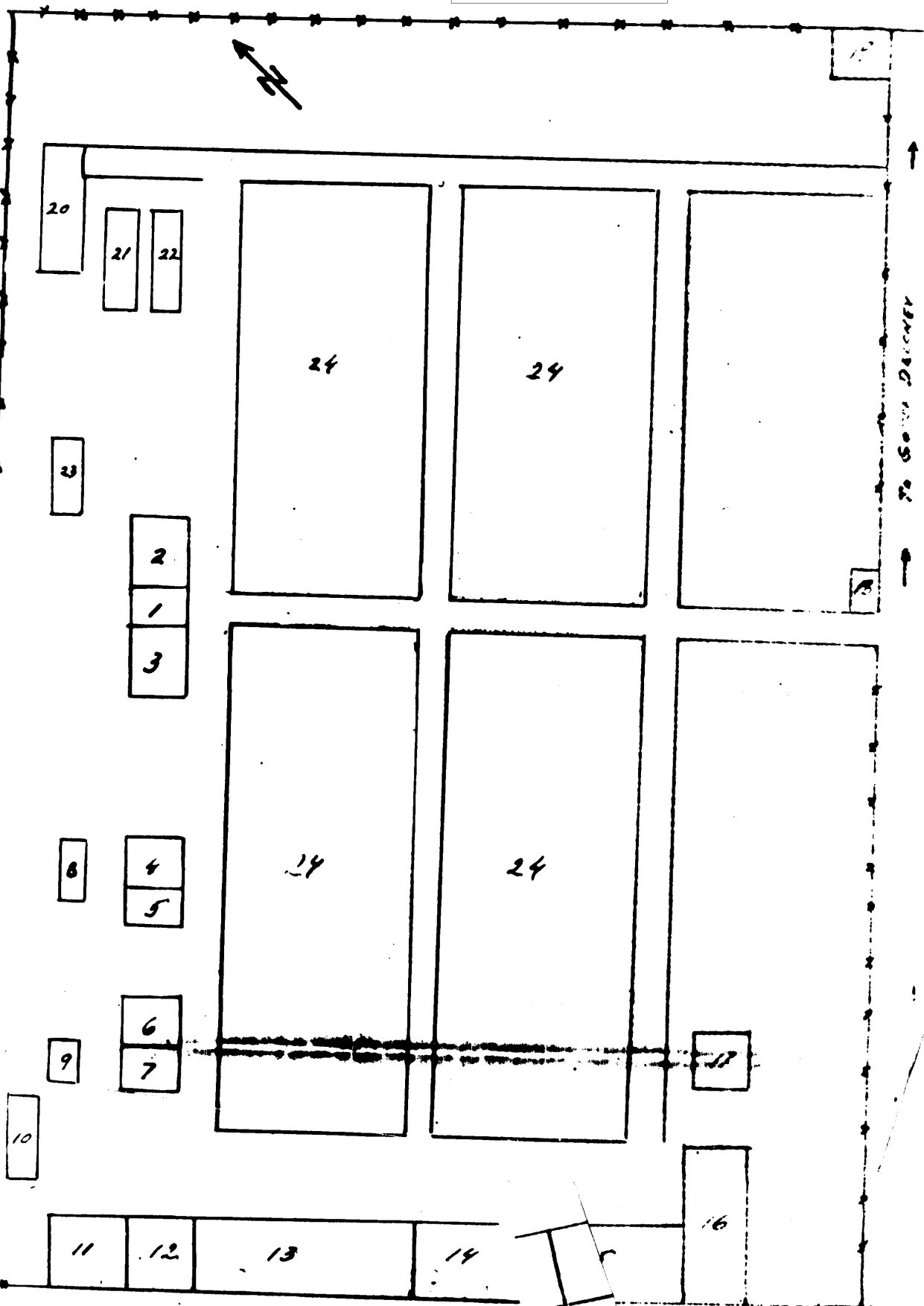
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1. Tank Battalion, [redacted] is subordinate to the division the headquarters of which are located in Stanka Dimitrov (N 42-16, E 23-07). The barracks of the Tank Battalion are located 200 meters south of Samorano village (N 42-16, E 23-10), Stanka Dimitrov Okoliya, on the west side of the Stanka Dimitrov-Samorano road. A layout sketch of the barracks is attached as Page 8 of this report.

2. [redacted] staff officers of the Tank Battalion:

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- a. Major BOZHANSKI (fma) is the commanding officer;

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- b. Captain BANKIN (fnu) is the deputy commanding officer in charge of training; [redacted]

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- c. Major VESEV (fnu) is deputy commanding officer in charge of political training; [redacted]

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- d. Senior Lieutenant IVANOV (fnu) was the deputy chief of staff; [redacted]

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- e. Senior Lieutenant VACHEV (fnu) is chief of the "secret section" [redacted]

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3. Tank Battalion [redacted] consists of the following units:

- a. The 1 Tank Company, which is composed of 40 men and 10 tanks.
- b. The 2 Tank Company, which is composed of 33 men and 10 tanks.
- c. The Tank Battalion Battery, which is composed of 36 men and 4 guns, the latter being carried on 4 half-track trucks.

Each Tank Company consists of 3 platoons, with 10 men per platoon, and each platoon is divided into 3 squads, with three men and one tank per squad. [redacted] the squad should consist of 6 men but [redacted] was understrength.

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1. [redacted] the following information concerning the 1 Tank Company:

- a. Senior Lieutenant STANEV (fnu) is the company commanding officer, having become an officer from the ranks; [redacted]

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- b. The Company Staff Sergeant is VLADOV (fnu); [redacted]

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[redacted]  
c. Leader of the 1 Platoon was Lieutenant VASEV (fnu) [redacted]  
[redacted]

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d. Each platoon has three squads and each squad has the following personnel:

- (1) Tank Commander: a junior sergeant armed with a pistol.
- (2) Tank Driver: a junior sergeant or a private armed with a pistol.
- (3) Gunner: a private armed with a carbine.

[redacted] there should have been three additional men in the tank crew but that enough men were not available [redacted] 25X1

e. Leader of the 2 Platoon: Lieutenant ZLAEV (fnu) [redacted]  
[redacted]

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f. [redacted]

g. [redacted] information concerning the 2 Tank Company, which was composed of 33 men and 10 tanks [redacted]

h. Senior Lieutenant Nikola PANOEV is the company commanding officer [redacted]

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b. Leader of the 1 Platoon is Zlatko ZLAEV [redacted]  
[redacted]

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c. Leader of the 2 Platoon is Senior Lieutenant DIMITROV (fnu) in Stara Zagora Okoliya; medium in height and thin, swarthy [redacted]  
[redacted]

d. Leader of the 3 Platoon is Lieutenant ZLATANOV (fnu), [redacted]  
[redacted]

h. [redacted] the tanks used by the Tank Battalion were Maitach (sic) tanks with diesel engines of unknown horsepower and five gears. The following is the armament of the Maitach tanks:

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a. A gun in the turret of the tank, the barrel of the gun being about 2.80 meters long; [ ] the caliber of the gun is about 45 mm. When it was necessary for the tank to cross a ditch, the crew had to raise the gun so that it would not hit the embankment.

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b. A machine gun to the right of the cannon, the barrel of the machine gun sticking out of a hole in the turret. [ ] this machine gun was referred to as DT (Tank) machine gun. It is a 7.62 mm machine gun with a drum magazine containing from 75 to 100 rounds of ammunition. The gun was air-cooled

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A tarpaulin and two long poles placed on each side of the turret are also carried on the tank. A water container is kept inside the tank. The tank is also equipped with a radio receiving set, RP-12, for a one-way radio link with the commander's tank, and an inter-crew communications hook-up.

7. Each tank company had a repair truck equipped with tools and manned by a driver and a mechanic. [ ] the Tank Battalion did not have any tank retrievers or tank trucks.

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8. [ ] information about the Tank Battalion Battery, which is composed of 38 men and 4 guns, the latter being carried on 4 half-track trucks:

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b. The Battery has only one Platoon leader, namely, Lieutenant KOTSEV (fnu);

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c. The Battery Staff Sergeant is CHELENKOV (fnu)

d. The Battery is equipped with 4 guns mounted on wheels with tires about 0.75 centimeters in diameter; the length of the barrel of the gun is 2.20 meters, and the gun caliber is about 2.5 inches. On being shown pictures of Soviet guns, [ ] the guns used by the Tank Battalion Battery [ ] 25 mm automatic anti-aircraft guns, Soviet make, Model 1940. These guns are carried on half-track trucks. The Battery has two Opel Blitz half-track trucks and two ZIS-5 half-track trucks.

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9. Tank Battalion, [redacted] is subordinate to the division [redacted] with headquarters in Stanke Dimitrov. This division has the following subordinate units: (It was rumored that this division was disbanded; see Para 15.) 25X1

a. [redacted] an Infantry Regiment in Stanke Dimitrov.

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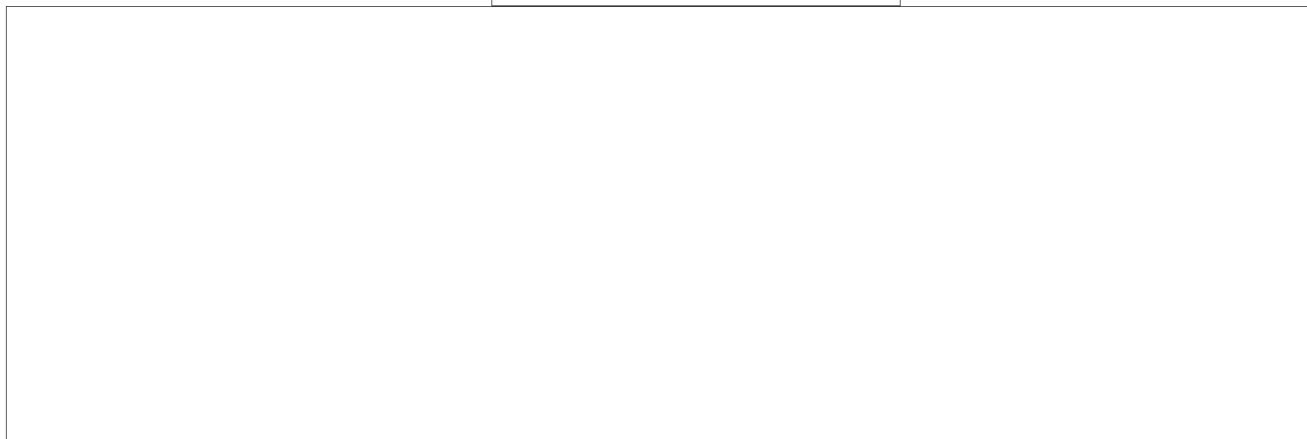
b. One DAP (probably Division Artillery Regiment) located two kilometers from Stanke Dimitrov on the Stanke Dimitrov - Bistricea road.

c. An unidentified Infantry unit in Kyastendil (N 42-17, E 22-41).

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13. It was also rumored that the division [redacted] in Stanke Dimitrov was disbanded. Infantry Regiment, [redacted] which was subordinate to this division, was to be sent to Pasardzhik, from where its battalions would be assigned to new units. The Tank Battalion Battery [redacted] was also to be sent to Pasardzhik. It was also rumored that from the units of the disbanded division [redacted] a new brigade would be formed in Lyubimets (N 41-51, E 26-05), Svilengrad Okoliya.

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1. Outskirts of Sameramevo village, Stanka Dimitrov Oneliya.
2. Headquarters Building.
3. Dispensary.
4. Dormitories.
5. Dormitories Under Construction.
6. Toilets.
7. Wood shack.
8. Lavatory.
9. Stables.
10. Dining Room and Kitchen.
11. Tank Repair Shop.
12. Lubricants Depot.
13. Guardhouse.
14. Battery Shop.
15. Gunsmith Shop.
16. Repair Shop.
17. Blacksmith.
18. Spare Parts Depot.
19. Garage.
20. Tank Garage for the 2 Tank Company.
21. Tank Garage for the 1 Tank Company.
22. General Supplies Depot.
23. Canteen.
24. Barber Shop.
25. Guardhouse.
26. Electric Shop.

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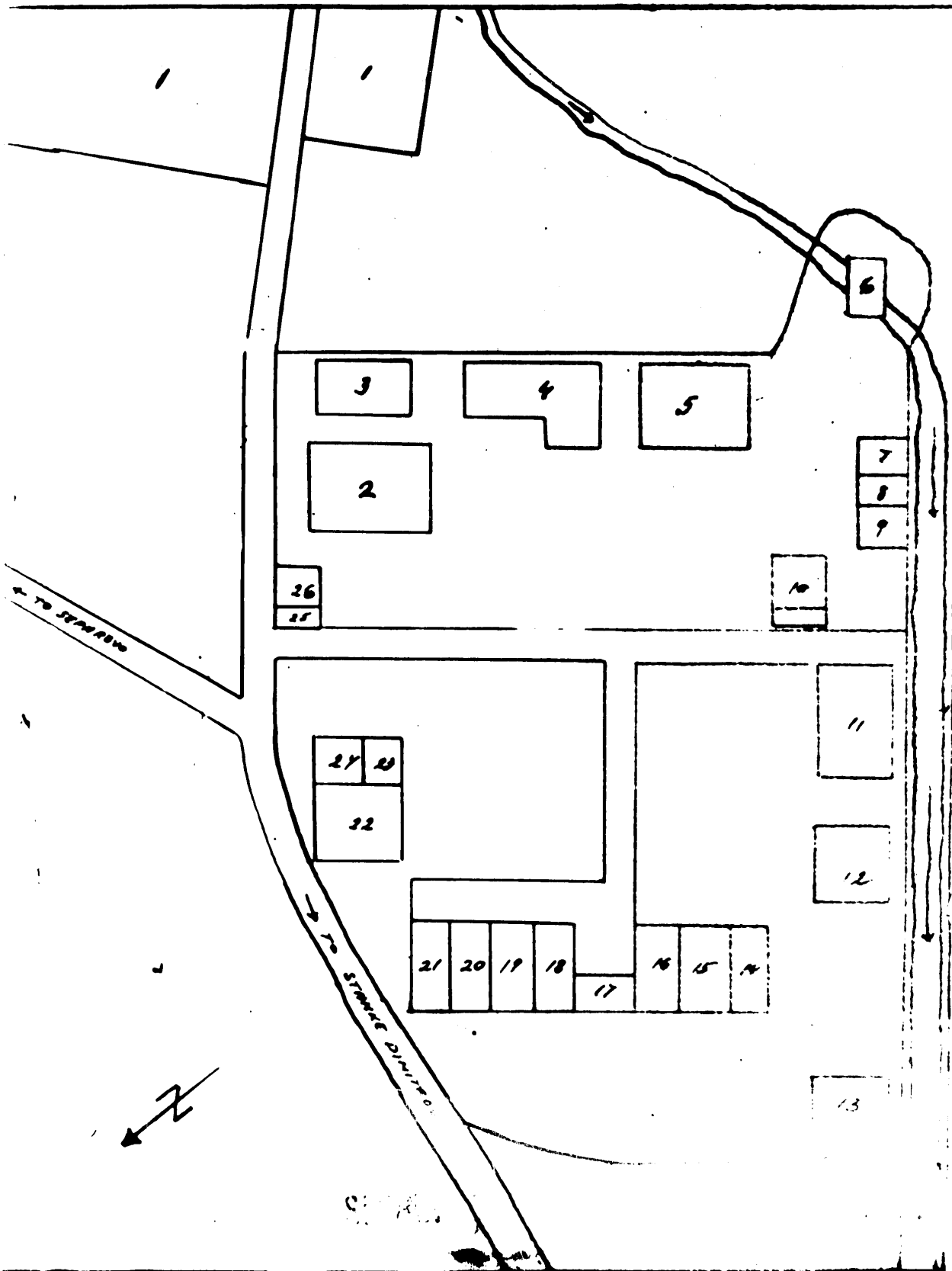
# BARRACKS OF TANK BATTALION

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1. [redacted] the following military personnel:

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a. Lieutenant Atanas Petrov ~~KARAVULOV~~

[redacted]

b. Private Angel Dimitrov ~~ANGELOV~~

[redacted]

c. Krastira Nikolaev ~~GAREV~~

[redacted]

d. Kamen Georgiev ~~TODOROV~~

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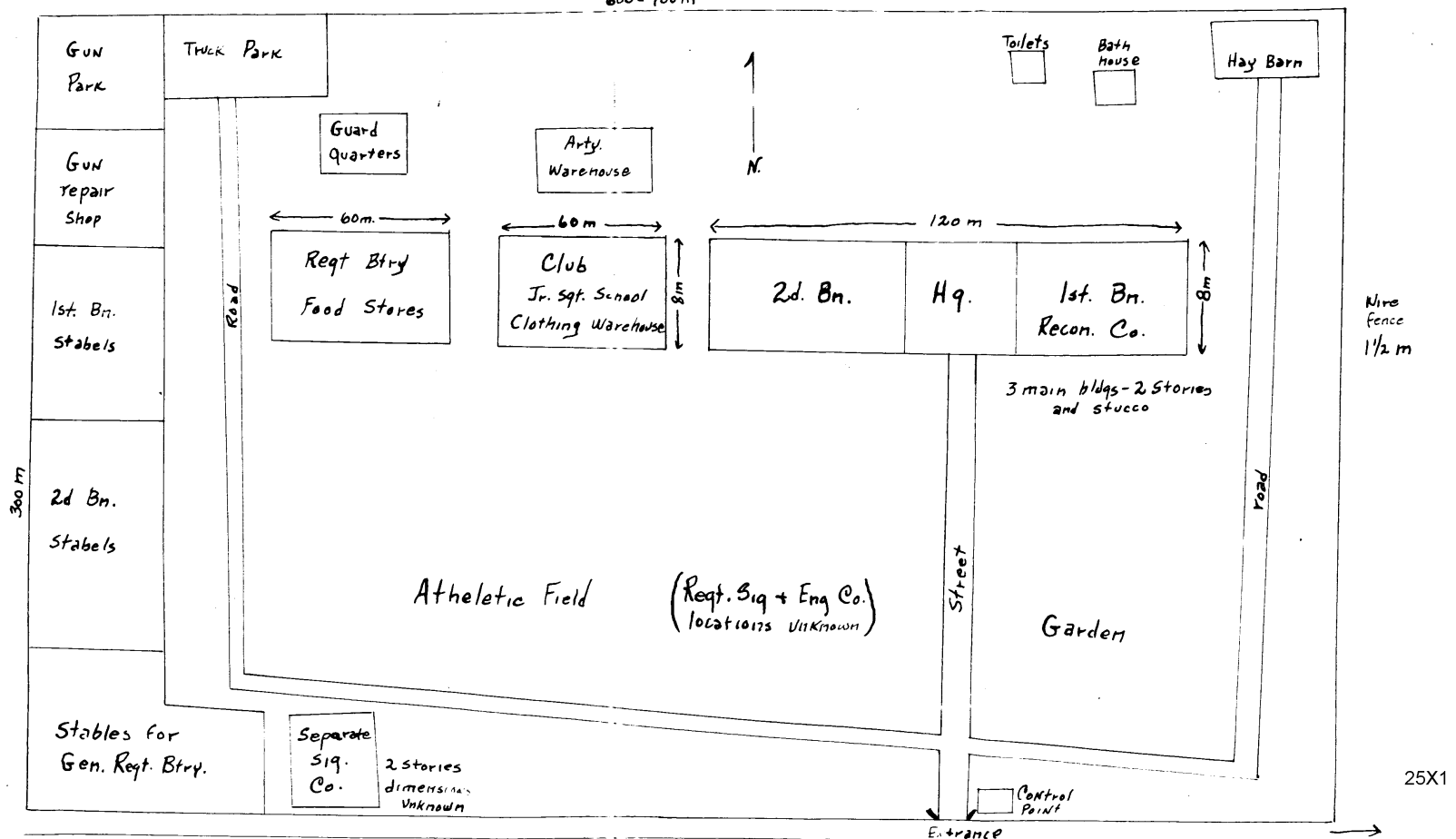


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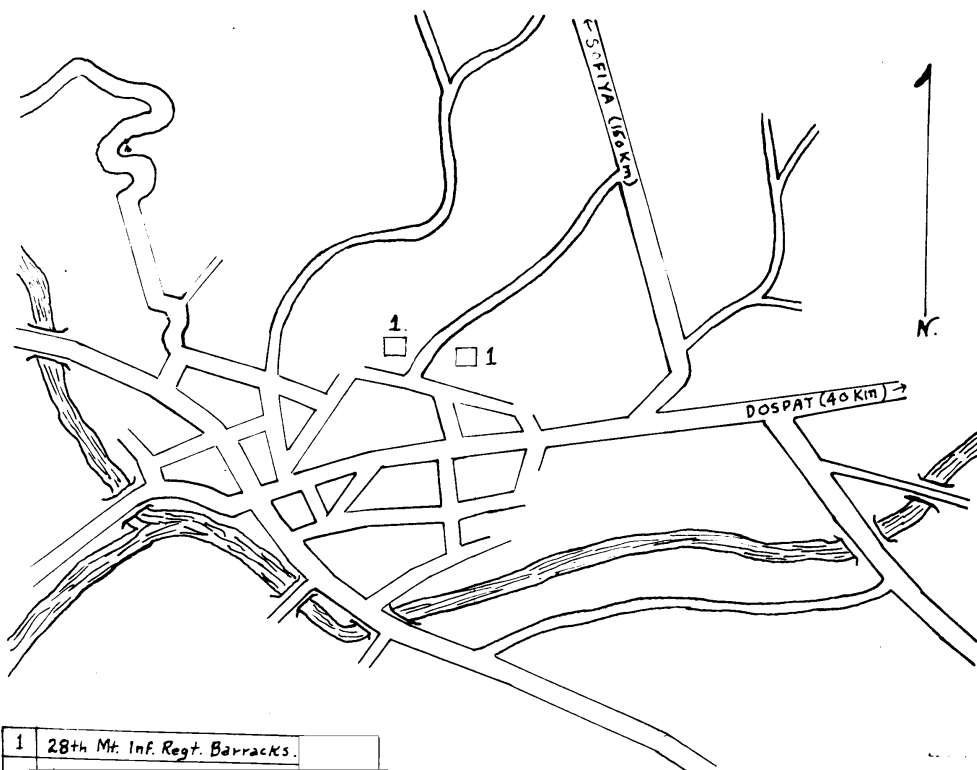
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# Town Plan GOTSE DELCHEV



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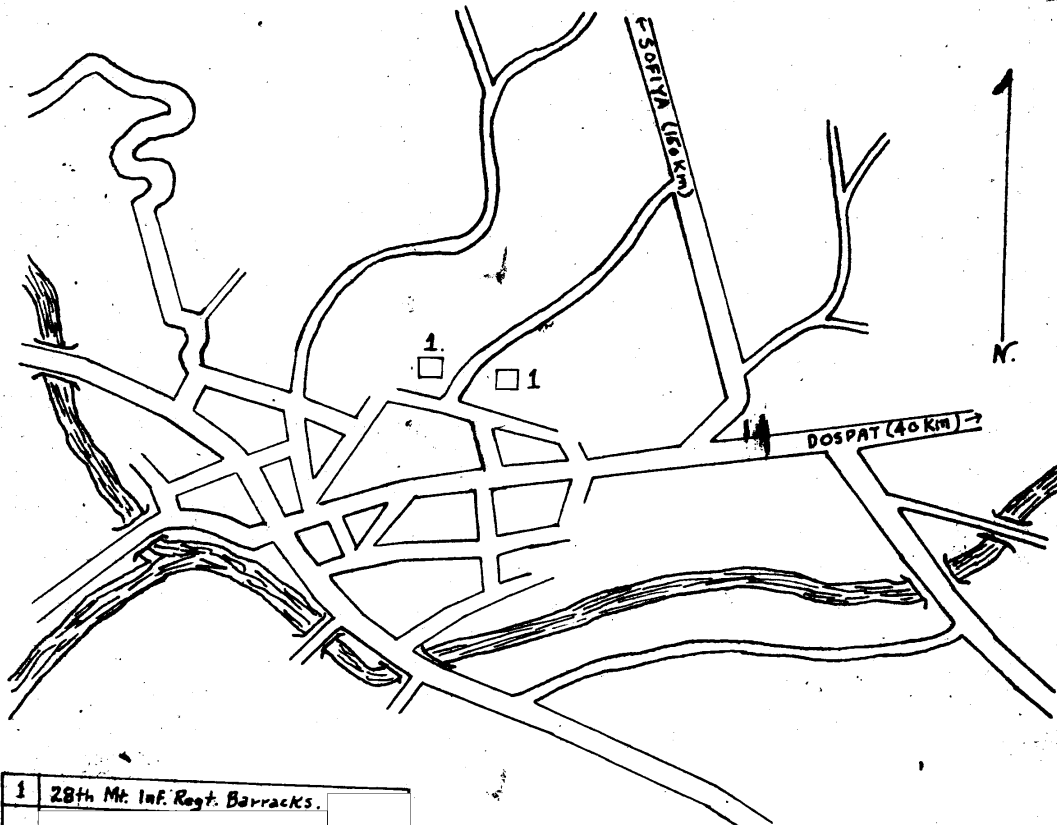
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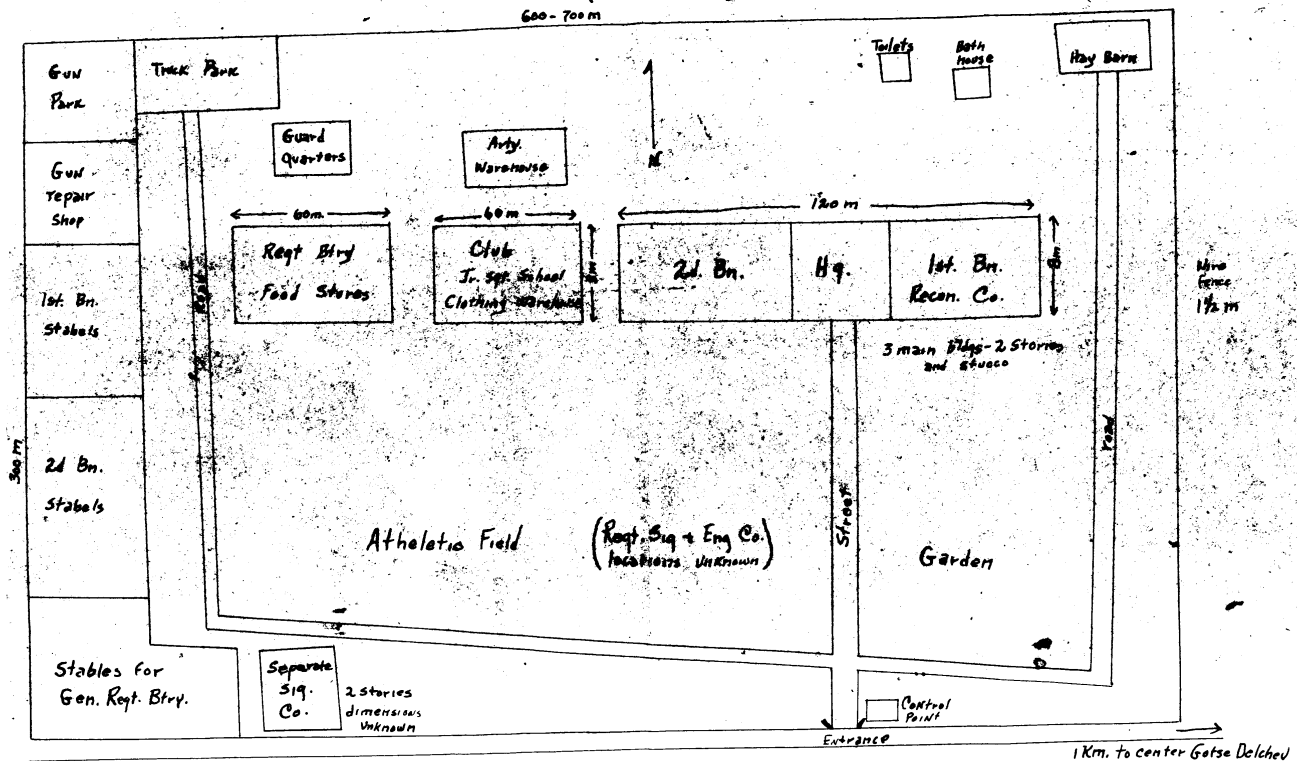
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